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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: JAMES L. de la LOZA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
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**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

**ISSUE**

This report is prepared in response to the October 1997 Board action that requires the CEO or designee to report quarterly to the Board on the status and progress of regional external organizations on which MTA is represented by Board members or elected-official appointees. Board members may request that any item described in this report be brought forward for discussion at a future Board meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Attachment A is the Quarterly Report on Regional External Organizations: Fiscal Year 1999-00 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter ending June 30, 2000. As a regional transportation agency, MTA participates on the boards of eight organizations.

The following report summarizes the roles and responsibilities, status, and progress of each organization.

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Attachments

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**Attachment A: QUARTERLY REPORT ON REGIONAL EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 1) Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Carol Inge Patricia Chen	
		<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3056 (213) 922-3041	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> The Joint Powers Authority is made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, and VCTC. Mission: Plan, construct, and administer the operation of regional passenger rail lines (known as "Metrolink").		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Michael Antonovich/.....Robert Bartlett Larry Zarian/.....Francine Oschin Richard Riordan/.....Nathan Brogin Hal Bernson/.....James Ledford	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
FY 2000-01 Budget Adoption	On April 14, 2000 the SCRRA Board approved the FY 2000-01 SCRRA Budget for transmittal to the member agencies. On May 25, 2000, the MTA Board approved the proposed SCRRA Budget. On June 9, 2000 the SCRRA Board adopted the budget. The Budget allows for the introduction of Saturday service on the Riverside Line and Sunday service on the San Bernardino Line. Also included is an increase in the Rehabilitation and Renovation program (previously known as Capital Maintenance) to allow for expanded facilities and aging infrastructure.	SCRRA may adjust its budget at mid-year to include new grants for capital expansion projects or reflect significant changes in costs or revenues.	S
Letter of Support for SCAG Application for Further Study of Maglev in Southern California	On June 9, 2000 the SCRRA Board approved a letter of support for a SCAG application for funding to conduct a Project Study Report (PSR) of Maglev. Support was conditioned on SCAG including an evaluation of Metrolink service improvements in lieu of Maglev in the PSR. Support was further conditioned on SCAG's agreement to reimburse SCRRA for time and materials used to support the evaluation. Other conditions also applied.	Should the federal government award funding to SCAG for the PSR, SCRRA anticipates participating in the study and working to assure that Metrolink service is not adversely impacted by a potential future Maglev project.	NA
Amtrak Vision Plan	On June 9, 2000 the SCRRA Board approved a statement of conceptual support for the Amtrak Vision Plan, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between SCRRA and Amtrak. The MOU ensures equitable cost-sharing arrangements for maintenance of any capital facilities constructed to implement the Amtrak Vision.	Should Amtrak West obtain funding approval to begin a major capital expansion, SCRRA and Amtrak will define the cost-sharing arrangements in further detail.	S

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 2) Southern California Intercity Rail Group Joint Powers Board (SCIRG)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Patricia Chen <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3041	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> Joint Powers Authority made up of MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SANBAG, SANDAG, SLOCOG, SBCAG, VCTC and SCAG. Mission: Determine the net benefit or cost of transferring Caltrans-administered intercity rail service (Amtrak) responsibility and state funding to a Southern California Rail Joint Powers Agency which would administer the operation of intercity rail service in the corridor between San Diego and San Luis Obispo.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Robert Arthur Hal Bernson	
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</i>	<i>6-Month Projected Actions</i>	<i>MTA Position*</i>
Reauthorization of SCIRG Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement	Several member agencies have delayed reauthorization of the SCIRG Joint Powers Agreement to reexamine some of the functions of the group.	Most agencies are expected to continue participation in SCIRG for one or more years, taking action within the months of July and August, 2000.	S
MTA Representation on SCIRG	MTA is allowed one representative and one alternate on SCIRG. Robert Arthur informed MTA that he is not available to serve on SCIRG at this time.	A new representative may need to be identified to ensure that MTA has a representative available at all meetings.	NA
Amtrak Vision Plan	On May 9, 2000 SCIRG voted to allow AMTRAK to include the SCIRG logo in its Vision Plan with wording indicating that SCIRG and several other agencies participated in Amtrak's development of the Vision Plan.	N/A	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 3) Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Patricia Chen (213) 922-3041
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> LOSSAN is a Joint Powers Authority composed of OCTA, MTA, NTCDD and Caltrans (Ex officio members include: SCAG, SANDAG, VCTC, and SB-CAPC). The organization's mission is the following: Provide efficient, effective inter-city rail services in the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail corridor. Specifics: Coordinate capital improvements along the corridor; develop capital program to secure funding from the State and the Federal governments; coordinate and conduct a legislative and lobbying program at the federal and state level for LOSSAN corridor issues, especially those that give voice to funding needs and funding inequities.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Robert Arthur (Alternate: Vacant)	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position *</b>
MTA Representation on LOSSAN	Robert Arthur informed MTA staff that he is not available to serve on LOSSAN at this time. The alternate position is also currently vacant.	LOSSAN may apply for or administer one or more federal grants to improve passenger rail infrastructure within Los Angeles County in the near future. MTA may need to appoint a representative to take action on grant documents.	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 4) Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-2817	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> MSRC is an independent entity created by State law which allocates about \$12 million annually in AB 2766 discretionary funds from a portion of an annual \$4 DMV surcharge. This revenue is used to fund programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. MTA represents its interests and those of L.A. County jurisdictions.  The MSRC is composed of eight member agencies: MTA, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Southern California Rideshare (regional rideshare agency).		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:</b> Beatrice LaPisto-Kirtley (Alternate: Vacant)	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
MSRC Officers	In May, the MSRC re-elected Palm Springs Mayor Will Kleindienst as Chair and Bradbury Councilmember Bea LaPisto-Kirtley as Vice-Chair. In elections for the MSRC's Technical Advisory Committee, MTA's Douglas Kim was elected Chair and RCTC's Marilyn Williams elected Vice-Chair.	None	NA
FY 2000-2001 work program	The MSRC continued the process of developing funding categories and priorities for the next fiscal year work plan, known as the Work Program Development process. RFPs were drafted for consideration by the MSRC TAC and MSRC. RFPs will be released in August.	MSRC will release the solicitations for the \$14.5 million work program in August. Proposals will be submitted, evaluated, and considered for funding by late 2000.	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Michelle E. Smith (213) 922-3057
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> ACTA is responsible for managing the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor program. ACTA is composed of the following member agencies: MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Yvonne Burke Don Knabe	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Alameda Corridor Program Budget	On June 8, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved ACTA's revised program budget for the period covering July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003. The revised budget increased by \$31.7 million for a total of \$2,462,922. The increase is largely due to increases in expenditures (e.g., general, administrative, professional services, engineering, construction claims reserve) offset by increases in interest earnings and miscellaneous income (plus decreases in right of way, construction and debt service costs). The board also approved the budget for FY 2001.	None	NA
Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps	On April 20, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved the establishment of the Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps to train and employ corridor residents for support work adjacent to the Alameda Corridor Project. The Governing Board authorized the CEO to enter into a third party agreement with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach and Los Angeles to establish the Alameda Corridor Conservation Corps.	None	NA
Alameda Corridor Business Outreach Program	On March 9, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved ACTA's contribution to the 4 <sup>th</sup> year funding for the Alameda Corridor Business Outreach Program (ACBOP) in the amount of \$90,000 for an 18 month period beginning June 20, 2000 through November 30, 2001. ACBOP provides services for local DBE firms that include capacity building, construction, and regional economic opportunity support.	None	NA
Alameda Corridor Audit Plan	On February 10, 2000 the Alameda Corridor Governing Board approved the annual Audit Plan and responses to the Business Risk Assessment report from KPMG. Much of the audit plan is devoted to review of administrative controls to assure that ACTA's internal activities are properly structured and that there is adequate control. The ad hoc Oversight/Audit Advisory Committee found the annual Audit Plan to be acceptable.	None	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 5) Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	Michelle E. Smith (213) 922-3057
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> ACTA is responsible for managing the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor program. ACTA is composed of the following member agencies: MTA, City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Yvonne Burke Don Knabe	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Alameda Corridor-Mid Corridor Construction-Status	The mid corridor construction consists of building a 33 foot deep trench for freight trains. Construction of the mid Corridor by-pass track and storage tracks are currently underway. The by-pass track work includes construction of a temporary rail line east of the existing tracks and the future trench. By-pass traffic management plans are being developed for review by the corridor cities. The Mid-Corridor project design submittals for 60%, and 100% are underway.	Mid-Corridor trench under construction Completion of all Mid-Corridor project design submittals for 30% and 60%. Full implementation of the Mid-Corridor baseline schedule. Continuous construction activities.	NA
South End Construction-Status	Henry Ford Grade Separation Project was awarded by the Governing Body on September 9, 1999 to Shimmick/Obayashi JV.  Multiple construction projects are underway including the Henry Ford Grade Separation Project, the Compton Creek project and a number of County of LA and City of Carson Ports Access Demonstration Projects. PCH Grade Separation Project continues to lag due to unresolved right of way issues involving one property owner, LA and Caltrans (LA and Caltrans will have a joint meeting to resolve issues with the property owner).	Continuous construction activities.	NA
North End Construction-Status	Multiple construction projects are underway including the Redondo Junction Grade Separation Project, structures construction (bridges and box culvert) and underground utility relocations at Santa Fe Avenue.	Continuous construction activities. The UP Soto Street bridge is expected to go to construction in the Spring.	NA
Alameda Corridor Risk Management	On November 18, 1999 the Governing Board approved and authorized implementation of the Charter for an Ad Hoc Oversight Audit Advisory Committee. The Audit Advisory Committee will provide a forum for monitoring and discussing internal and external audit matters. The committee is comprised of three members of the Governing Board representing the POLA, POLB and MTA.	The Ad Hoc Committee will define the standards that guide the internal Audit Department, the scope and frequency of audits, audit report formats and requirements.	NA
Corridor Cities-Construction Impact Mitigation Measures	Construction impact mitigation measures are in process and ongoing. Direct traffic management plans for the segment of the project in Compton is under review. ACTA will report on-going construction relations activities at monthly Engineering Review Panel meetings. ACTA's website will contain notices, detours and other project related activities.	For each stage of construction ACTA, in conjunction with the local agency, will develop a traffic management plan for each project segment (contractor will submit draft Traffic Management plans for Vernon/LA, Huntington Park and South Gate for review).	NA

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 6) Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)		<b>LEAD MTA</b> <b>STAFF:</b> <b>PHONE:</b>	Douglas Kim -- General RTAC Cosette Stark – Rideshare/SB 836 (213) 922-2817/(213) 922-2822
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> RTAC provides member agencies with a forum to discuss legislative mandates of mutual interest as set forth in AB 1246. RTAC addresses issues facilitates identification, coordination, and resolution of transportation and air quality issues affecting member agencies. This includes SB 836, 1998 legislation which provided \$3 million for implementation of MTA's Regional Rideshare Program (i.e., Rideshare 2000 and Club Metro).  RTAC is composed of eight voting members: MTA, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Imperial County, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and Caltrans. The five Southern California air districts are ex-officio members.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> Vacant	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Approval Authority for SB 836 Reimbursement and Project Narrative Reports	RTAC voted to confer authority for approving SB 836 invoices to the RTAC TAC. This will ensure timely processing of invoices and reimbursement of costs.	RTAC TAC will approve invoices and reports in the future.	NA
Approval of SB 836 Reimbursement and Project Narrative Reports	RTAC approved period 16 and 17 invoices for MTA (January-April 2000).	RTAC TAC will approve future invoices, including invoices on July 11, 2000, for the period from March-April 2000 (periods 18).	NA



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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 7) SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Douglas Kim <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213)922-2817	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> TCC is a policy advisory committee to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on all regional matters pertaining to the movement of goods and people. TCC reviews the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and makes recommendations to the Regional Council. The TCC also provides recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and administrative guidelines affecting planning and capital improvement programs for transportation and utilities.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> John Fasana (SGVCOG) Hal Bernson (City of Los Angeles) Jenny Oropeza (City of Long Beach) MTA Seat: Vacant	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
Maglev Program for 2001 RTP	In April, TCC accepted the Maglev Task Force's recommendation to include a Maglev program in the 2001 RTP. Recommendations included carrying forward the Maglev alignments and assumptions used in the 1998 RTP, but include another corridor to connect LAX to the Palmdale Airport.	Further work in defining a Maglev project that will compete for federal funding will be done through July.	U
Position on State Legislation	In April, TCC took the following position on proposed State legislation: Support AB 1612 (Karnette, Torlakson, Florez); support AB 1303 (Florez). Both included recommendations to have funds either distributed directly to cities of LA County or by an agency other than MTA. In May, TCC considered the following: No position on AQMD Fleet Rules; Oppose AB 2129 (McClintock); Support AB 1871 (Runner); Support SB 2019 (Calderon).	State legislature will consider these bills.	U
Aviation Task Force Recommendations	The Aviation Task Force looked at nine scenarios for airport development, ranging from a system with outlying airports unconstrained to LAX to having El Toro to having no El Toro to having Ontario unconstrained.	TCC will consider final recommendations from the Aviation Task Force and select a preferred scenario for the Regional Council to consider in the 2001 RTP update.	U
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update	SCAG is underway on its development of the 2001 RTP. In December, subregions and CTCs provided SCAG with proposed unconstrained projects for consideration. These will be the basis for initial modeling of different scenarios.	SCAG's RTP task forces will hold three meetings between January and April 2000 to provide final recommendations between late March and early April 2000. The goal is to prepare a draft RTP by June 2000. Final adoption of the RTIP is slated for May 2001.	U

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<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> 8) Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium (FCBC)		<b>LEAD MTA STAFF:</b> Eck Chaiboonma <b>PHONE NUMBER:</b> (213) 922-3014	
<b>ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</b> 1. Improving bus service through the Fuel Cell-powered ATTB, 2. Improving air quality through zero to low-emission Fuel Cell-powered ATTB, 3. Capturing economic benefits from fuel cell manufacturing, 4. Creating new high technology jobs.		<b>MTA REPRESENTATIVES:</b> James Cragin (Alternate: Vacant)	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Quarterly Actions (Including Dates of Actions)</b>	<b>6-Month Projected Actions</b>	<b>MTA Position*</b>
FCBC Staff	Appointed Mr. Ranji George as Vice President-Air Quality & Environmental at the General Board of Directors meeting on April 5, 2000.	None	S
Request for Industry Information	Approved staff recommendation to issue a Request for Industry Information (RFI) to transit vehicle manufacturers to solicit information for obtaining industry participation in developing and manufacturing an Advanced Transit Vehicle (ATV) for use in regular transit applications as well as rapid bus transit corridors in the Los Angeles region.	Review and analyze input received from transit manufacturers, integrate relevant input into a draft Request for Purchase and submit to the FCBC Board of Directors for approval	S
Fuel Cell Power Systems Program	Approved four-year fuel cell work program to seek a fuel cell manufacturer and system integrator to upgrade an ATTB prototype and install a fuel cell power plant in a vehicle, develop fueling, operating and maintenance capabilities for the vehicle, test and demonstrate the vehicle, and based on successful outcome of the program, integrate the fuel cell power plant into the ATV platform.	Submit draft Request for Industry Information to procure fuel cell power systems for Advanced Transit Vehicle to the FCBC Board of Directors approval.	S
Professional Services-Dr. Adi Arieli	Ratified staff administrative action to award a professional services agreement of \$23,500 to Dr. Adi Arieli to secure approval, funding and deployment of the Advanced Transit Vehicle from the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government to assure the support of the ATV program.	Provide monthly progress report.	U
Professional Services-Dr. Adi Arieli	Approved contract extension through April 30, 2001 and additional funding to Dr. Adi Arieli covering additional scope of work at a cost of \$100,000. Increase scope of services to include securing funding from local, state, regional agencies such as South Coast Air Quality Management District, Department of Water and Power, Department of Airport, etc., for the deployment of the advanced bus systems in Los Angeles County.	Provide monthly progress report.	U
Professional Services-Economic Roundtable	Awarded an additional \$80,000 to Economic Roundtable to provide continued services for the Fuel Cell Buyers Consortium in developing and commercializing the Advanced Transit Vehicle, including a fuel cell-powered transit vehicle and extend the contract to April 30, 2001.	Prepare draft Request for Industry Information to procure fuel cell power systems for Advanced Transit Vehicle.	U

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